

'Trishna' to sail on goodwill mission

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BOMBAY, Oct. 20: 'Trishna,' the yacht which successfully sailed on India's first expedition around the world in 1985-87, will sail once again on a goodwill mission to Singapore.

The mission, approved by the government of India, will begin from Bombay on October 24. It will touch Colombo, Andaman and Nicobar islands, Penang, Singapore, Port Kelang, Phuket, Male and Lakshadweep islands. The Indian government's goodwill messages for the governments of Sri Lanka, Maldives, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore will be delivered.

The team comprises 10 officers and jawans of the Indian Army's Corps of Engineers plus two reserves. The members will be changed en route. The skipper of the expedition is veteran sailor of international repute, Lt-Col. A. P. Singh, who had earlier participated in the Sapper ventures from Bombay to Bandar Abbas (Iran) in a Seabird 'Albatross' in 1977, U.K. to Bombay in 'Trishna' in 1984-85 and was deputy leader of the around the world expedition.

The team also has second lieutenant Deepanita Das, who belongs to the first batch of woman officers commissioned into the Corps of Engineers.